

Declaration for Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe that I am original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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which claims the benefit of co-pending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/053,265, filed July 21, 1997 by the same inventors as the present Application and directed to the same invention and containing the same disclosure as the present Application.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a).

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

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I hereby declare that I am an official of the small business concern identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.12, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in the application identified above.

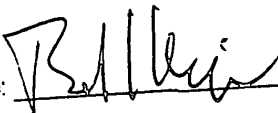
If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements averring to their status as small entities under 39 CFR 1.9(c), and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an

independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(c), or a non-profit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). No such person, concern or organization exists.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

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